

## COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

### EU Advisory Mission in support of Security Sector Reform in Iraq (EUAM Iraq)



#### MISSION BACKGROUND

November 2017

The Mission was established on 16 October 2017 by the Council of the European Union in response to a request from the Iraqi Government for the EU to provide advice and assistance on the implementation of civilian aspects of the National Security Strategy. The Mission deployed to Baghdad on 17 November 2017. EUAM Iraq represents both a testimony of, and a contribution to, the EU's steadfast support for Iraq's Unity, sovereignty, territorial integrity, its security and rule of law. The Mission is based in Baghdad, has a budget of €14 million, and up to 51 personnel, comprised of 36 EU experts and 15 local staff. The Head of Mission is Dr. Markus Ritter.

#### MANDATE

The Mission has an initial mandate of one year. Its core mandate is to support the implementation of the civilian aspects of the Iraqi National Security Strategy and the civilian aspects of Security Sector Reform Programme (SSRP), led by the Office of the Iraqi National Security Advisor. The Mission will inform planning for potential further EU engagement, and assist in the coordination of EU and Member States' assistance in the civilian Security Sector domain.

#### OBJECTIVES

- To provide advice and expertise to the Iraqi authorities at the strategic level, in order to contribute to the implementation of the Iraqi National Security Strategy;
  - To assist the European Union Delegation to Iraq in the coordination of EU and Member States' support in the field of Security Sector Reform in Iraq;
  - To analyse, assess and identify opportunities for potential further European Union engagement in support of the needs of the Security Sector Reform in Iraq in the long term.
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## LINES OF OPERATION

The Mission mandate will be implemented through three strategic lines of operations:

1. Provide strategic advice on the implementation of civilian aspects of the Iraqi National Security Strategy, the Security Sector Reform Strategy and on the development of National Counter-Terrorism and Organised Crime Strategies;
2. Strategic coordination and cooperation, including contribution to the management and running of the Iraqi SSR Joint Secretariat;
3. Mapping and gap analysis to identify opportunities for potential future EU support in the implementation of the National Security Strategy and the Security Sector.

## DELIVERY

The Mission will work in partnership with and support the Iraqi authorities through the provision of EU expertise and advice, focused at the strategic level based upon needs identified by the Iraqi authorities. Close cooperation, coordination and coherence with other relevant international community actors, in addition to the EU Delegation and EU Member States, will be central to the Mission's approach in contributing to wider reform efforts and the implementation of the EU Integrated Approach.

### MISSION FACTS AND FIGURES AT A GLANCE

**Area of Operation:** Iraq

**Headquarters:** Baghdad

**Mission Launched on:** 16 October 2017

**Current Mandate:** Until 17 October 2018

**Head of Mission:** Dr. Markus Ritter

**Mission Strength:** 51 Staff (36 EU Experts and 15 Local Staff)

**Operational Budget:** € 14 million

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